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October 10, 2006

Gary Mullard  
Northern Stone Supply, Inc.  
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Oakley, Idaho 83346

Subject: Tentative Approval to Commence Large Mining Operations, Northern Stone Supply, Inc., Turquoise Stone Quarry, M/003/020, Task #1367 Box Elder County, Utah

Dear Mr. Mullard:

The Division has completed a review of your latest response regarding your large mine plan. The Division is now prepared to grant tentative approval of the Turquoise Stone Quarry large mining permit application. The formal notice of tentative approval will be published for public comment in the appropriate Salt Lake City and Box Elder County newspapers (copy attached). This will begin the required 30-day public comment period. If no substantive comments are received during the public comment period, the Division will then be prepared to issue its final approval for this project.

Anyone aggrieved by this tentative decision is advised to file a written protest with this Division setting forth factual reasons why this proposed operation should not be approved. Written objections of substance, received by the Division during the public comment period, will be heard at a formal adjudicative proceeding in accordance with UCA §40-8-13.

Prior to issuing final approval, we require that you provide us with:

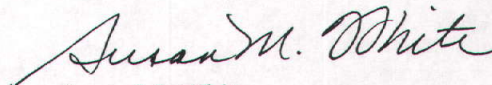
1. Two copies of the complete and corrected plan. When final approval is issued, one copy will be stamped "approved" and returned to you for your records;
2. A Reclamation Contract (Form MR-RC) must be completed and filed with this office. It must be attached to the reclamation surety for this project. The new reclamation surety amount is \$78,200.00. This surety must name both the Division and the BLM as beneficiaries. Please contact Beth Ericksen at (801) 538-5318 for the appropriate bonding forms and reclamation contract.



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Thank you for your cooperation and patience in completing this permitting process. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (801) 538-5258 or Lynn Kunzler at 538-5310.

Sincerely,



Susan M. White  
Mining Program Coordinator  
Minerals Regulatory Program

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Enclosure

cc : Larry Garahana, BLM  
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